

# OFFICIAL RULES - BUG CHUCKER CUP

February 11, 2019

## REQUIREMENTS

Contestants can enter individually or as a team of two.

An entry fee of \$50 for each entrant must accompany each entry.

Teams are encouraged to mail *entries and fees no later than May 10*.

Individual entrants will be assigned a partner to form a team by the organizing committee.

Participants under the age of 18 years must be partnered with an adult.

Individuals and/or teams must pick up their information package at registration on *Friday morning at Roblin Community Centre, Highway 5 East, from 8:30am till 10:00am*.

Each entrant must have, in his or her possession, a valid Manitoba fishing license.

Entrants are responsible for providing their own equipment, food and transportation to all fishing venues.

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) LEGISLATION

All competitors participating in the Bug Chucker Cup must adhere to the province of Manitoba's AIS legislation under *The Water Protection Act*.

*The actual regulations in force shall apply. Further information on these regulations can be found at [www.Manitoba.ca/StopAIS](http://www.Manitoba.ca/StopAIS).*

*(Below is a summary of general AIS regulations that apply to all water bodies in Manitoba.)*

CLEAN and remove any AIS, aquatic plants, and mud from watercraft, trailers and water related equipment when removing from a water body.

DRAIN all water from the watercraft (e.g. ballast tanks, motor, live well, compartments) and water related equipment before removing from the shore of the water body.

Keep drain plugs out while transporting watercraft.

DRY water-related equipment and any hard-to-drain compartments that come in contact with water with a dry towel or sponge before it is placed into another water body.

## FLOATATION DEVICES & EQUIPMENT

Boats, pontoon boats, belly boats, etc. are at the competitors discretion.

All floatation devices and equipment must meet Canadian safety regulations.

All entrants are encouraged to wear individual life saving equipment.

Floatation devices may be equipped with electronic positioning or trolling motors.

*Drogues or drift socks are allowed.*

*Anchors are allowed.*

Electronic and electrical depth finders, thermometers, oxygen meters, etc. *are allowed.*

Gas motors are NOT allowed.

## FISHING

Four different lakes (venues) will be fished during the two-day event.

Each team will fish each venue at their assigned time.

*Venue location, launch site and fishing time will be provided at registration.*

Entrants will use fly fishing equipment (fly rods, fly reels & fly line) only.

Floating, sink tip or full sinking line may be used.

Strike indicators are allowed.

Only artificial flies may be used.

A maximum of two flies, with a single barbless hook each, may be attached to the line.

Competitors will be allowed to carry spare rigged rods.

All fish caught must be handled with care during measurement and photos and be released as soon as possible.

Entrants will conduct themselves as true sports and not impede the ability of other entrants to fish effectively.

## **FISHING TIMES**

Friday sessions are from 12:00pm-3:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm CDT.

Saturday sessions are from 8:00am-11:00am and 1:00pm-4:00pm CDT.

All entrants must launch floatation devices at official launch site.

Competitors may be on the water before official start time (20 min.) but must stay within 40ft of venue controller and may not cast/fish prior to official start time.

Official start time will be announced with a sounding device by the venue controller.

Venue controller will give warning with sounding device one half hour prior to end time.

Venue controller will announce end of fishing time with sounding device.

Competitors may be on the water after official end time but may not cast/fish.

All entrants are encouraged to reach official launch site within a reasonable time (20 min.) after official end time.

## **MEASUREMENT & RECORDING OF FISH CAUGHT**

Each team will be provided with only one official measuring device to be shared, *and every qualifying fish must be measured using the official measuring device.*

All measurements will be taken with tail laid flat (not pinched) and mouth closed.

Each and every qualifying fish must be measured to the nearest centimeter and photographed in such a way that the total length is easily visible. These photos will be required by the committee to settle any controversy concerning measurements.

Team members must fish in close enough proximity of one another to be able to witness measurement of fish.

Each entrant will receive official score sheets for each venue at registration, and every eligible fish caught during a session must be entered on the entrants score sheet.

Only fish qualifying for that venue are to be entered on score sheets.

Fish bearing tags must be identified as such on score sheets and recordings shall include tag colour and number; tags must not be removed (pictures can be taken).

The longest three fish entered by each entrant will be used to determine total score for that venue, for a total of 6 fish per team per session.

Any fish not measured prior to the horn sounding to end a session are not eligible.

Each entrant will indicate on their score sheet, with an X mark, the three longest fish.

If less than three eligible fish are entered on an individual's score sheet, they will make up the total individual's contribution to the team's overall score for that venue.

Official Score sheets *must* be given to venue controller at the end of each fishing session.

The accumulated score for the three longest fish from each venue will result in the total score for the two-day event.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

*Substitutions due to medical reasons, family or job obligations and other circumstances of that nature will be allowed in order for a team to be able to compete.*

## **INCLEMENTE WEATHER CONDITIONS & CANCELLATIONS**

Based on weather conditions, the venue controller will determine if it is safe for entrants to enter the water and will, if necessary, cancel or end the venue's session early to ensure safety of entrants. Any fish recorded for that venue's session will be deemed ineligible.

In the event of a cancelled session, competitors from the cancelled session will receive an average of the three longest fish caught by all other competitors at that same venue during all other sessions as their score for their cancelled session.

## **TIES**

In the case of a tie for any major prizes, an accuracy casting competition will be used to determine placing.